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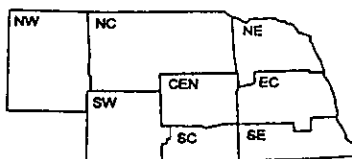
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from six to eleven degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation was recorded over most of the State and ranged from less than one-quarter inch to three inches.

GENERAL

Moisture received this past week benefitted the wheat crop, recharged some subsoil profiles, and slowed harvest progress, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. In the West, sugar beet harvest was active with dry bean harvest virtually complete. Other producer activities included fall tillage operations, marketing grain, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 94% complete, compared to 83% last year and 68% average. Harvest was near or more than 90% complete in all districts except for the Panhandle, where producers chose to finish sugar beet and dry bean harvest first.

CROPS Cont.

Soybean harvest moved to 97% complete, compared with 98% last year and 95% average.

Sorghum was 96% harvested, compared to 81% last year and 75% average.

Wheat emergence at 96% compared to 97% last year and 98% average. Wheat conditions vastly improved last week from the rainfall received and are now rated 7% poor, 39% fair, 50% good, and 4% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 51% very poor, 29% poor, 14% fair, and 6% good. Producers were moving cattle to harvested stalk fields as soon as combining was complete. Moisture received last week should help cool season grasses as well as next year's growth for all grasses.

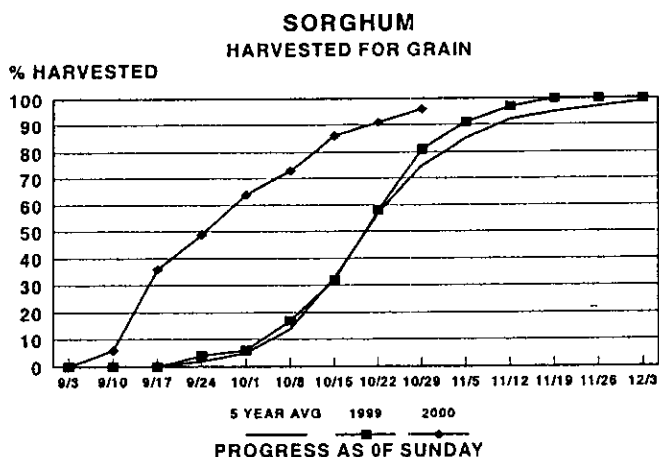
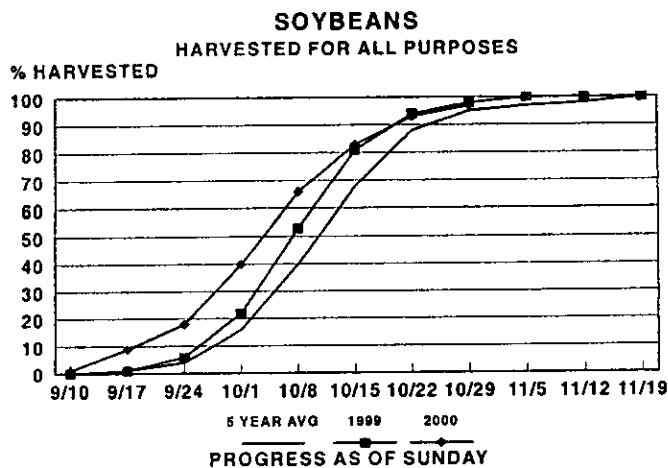
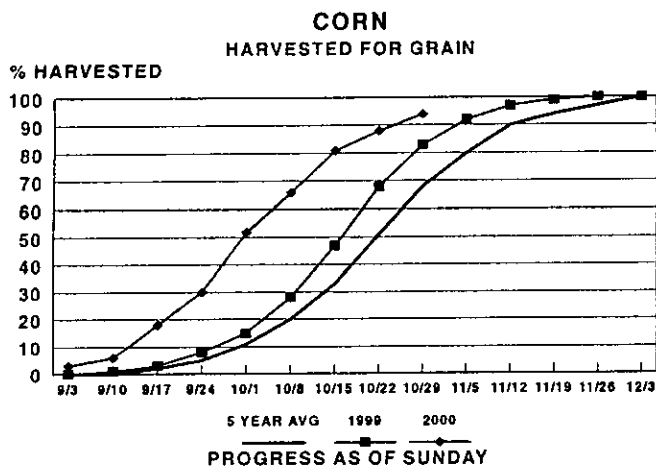
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	PERCENT											
% Corn Harvested	57	93	95	99	99	89	97	99	94	88	83	68
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	97	96	99	99	90	98	98	97	93	98	95
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	92	99	100	91	84	94	99	96	91	81	75
% Wheat Emerged	97	97	98	79	82	96	98	90	96	89	97	98
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 27, 2000												
Days Suitable	52	40	48	48	50	37	29	49	44	69	70	
Topsoil Moisture												
- Very short	27	34	19	71	55	3	25	49	33	60	39	
- Short	31	41	38	23	33	18	45	39	34	30	43	
- Adequate	41	24	32	6	12	78	30	12	31	10	18	
- Surplus	1	1	11	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	
Subsoil Moisture-												
- Very Short	41	45	65	78	92	40	88	99	68	81	27	
- Short	37	42	25	16	8	32	12	1	22	16	38	
- Adequate	22	13	10	6	0	28	0	0	10	3	35	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available

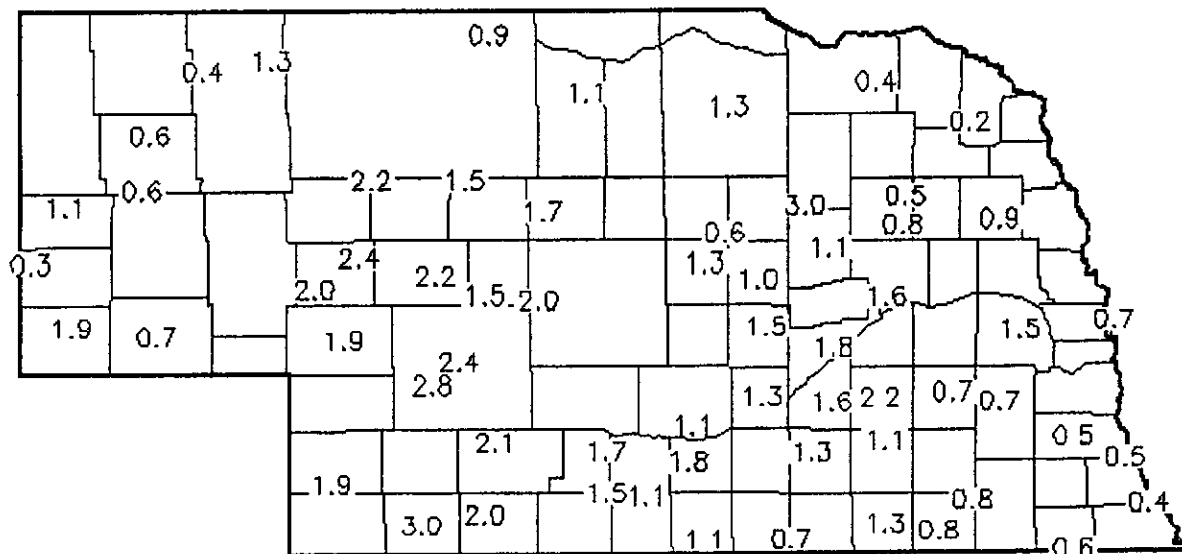
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PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2000



Source: High Plains Climate Center

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	68	33	52	---	.44
	Scottsbluff	66	35	51	+6	1.83
	Sidney	66	37	52	---	---
NC	Valentine	71	36	53	+8	.52
NE	Norfolk	72	45	58	+11	.91
	Sioux City	71	45	57	+9	.45
CEN	Grand Island	74	43	59	+10	.92
	Ord	69	41	55	---	1.12
EC	Lincoln	74	45	60	+10	.88
	Omaha	74	44	59	+10	.49
SW	Imperial	69	43	55	---	3.75
	North Platte	68	35	53	+7	2.40

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Valley, NE